

**UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE
FOREST SERVICE
CARIBOU-TARGHEE NATIONAL FOREST
ASHTON/ISLAND PARK RANGER DISTRICT**

AREA CLOSURE

PROHIBITIONS:

Pursuant to Title 36 CFR 261.50(a) and (b), the following act is prohibited on the area, roads, and trails as described in this order, all within the Ashton/Island Park Ranger District, Caribou-Targhee National Forest until further notice.

1. Being on the road described below that is posted as closed. **36 CFR 261.54(e)**
2. The transport or use of hard-bottomed boats within the area described below that is posted as closed. (See definitions, below) **36 CFR 261.53(f)**

EXEMPTIONS:

Pursuant to 36 CFR 261.50 (e) the following persons are exempt from this order:

1. Persons with a permit specifically exempting them from the effect of this Order.
2. Any Federal, State, or local officer, or member of an organized rescue or fire fighting force in the performance of an official duty.

AREA DESCRIBED:

1. **Grandview Boat Launch Road No. 330** beginning at its intersection with Grandview Campground Road No. 348 and ending at its intersection with Grandview Boatslide trail. **Annually during spring thaw.**
2. The area between the Henrys Fork River and Mesa Falls Scenic Byway beginning at Lower Mesa Falls and ending approximately 1.2 miles downstream all within Township 10 North, Range 43 East Sections 24 and 25. **Yearlong.**

The above-described area is within the proclaimed and administrative boundaries of the Ashton/Island Park Ranger District, Caribou-Targhee National Forest.

DEFINITION:

Hard-bottomed boats are, a boat made of materials such as wood, fiberglass, metal, or composites. These boats are commonly referred to as drift boats or dories and are rowed by a single person, but capable of carrying up to 4 people. Kayaks and Canoes are not considered hard-bottom boats.

PURPOSE:

This closure is necessary to protect the road surface before it has a chance to dry out in the early spring, and to reduce erosion and sedimentation into the river as well as damage to vegetation along the hillside, while allowing for trail access to the Henrys Fork River.

<u>Action</u>	<u>Responsible Official</u>	<u>Date</u>
Prepare proposed order	Appropriate Forest Staff with LE&I input	May 2010
Review proposed order	Supervisory LEO	May 2010
Review proposed order	RO LE&I and OGC	May 2010
Approve proposed order	Forest Supervisor	May 2010
Post order in accordance with 36 CFR 261.51	Forest/District Staff Officers	May 2010
Describe implementation/action taken for order. See item #3 above	Appropriate District Staff LEO, & field going personnel On going through the field season.	May 2010

Enforcement Plan approved for implementation:



Brent Larson

Forest Supervisor

Caribou-Targhee National Forest

5/7/2010
Date

Assessment of Need and Enforcement Plan

Grandview Boat Launch Area Closure

Ashton/Island Park Ranger District, Caribou-Targhee National Forest

1. Background. The purpose of this project is to comply with the direction in our Forest Plan regarding Wild Eligible Rivers and decrease erosion into the Henrys Fork. A user created boat slide and road has been used at this location since at least the 1960's. Over the years paths have been created and abandoned. This user created boat slide is approximately 1500 feet in length on a 50% slope. The existing slide is deeply rutted and delivers an estimated 2-7 cubic yards of material to the Henrys Fork River per year. The need is to reduce erosion yet have a trail that can provide access to the Henrys Fork River. One of the outstandingly remarkable characteristics we are to protect under Wild River eligibility on this segment is recreational opportunity. The Forest began grappling with this issue in 2006.

2. Intent of Subpart B order. This order will prohibit the use of the road behind a locked gate during periods in the spring when the road surface needs to dry, as well as the use of hard-bottomed boats on the improved boat slide trail. By restricting hard-bottomed boats, we will be able to reduce the abrasive action of sliding the hard-bottomed boats along the slope and minimize the erosion and sedimentation in the river below the trail. Management of this area would comply with Forest Plan direction by taking steps to minimize erosion and sedimentation by constructing water bars on the slide and improve road surfacing and drainage and continue to provide recreational opportunity while maintaining the characteristics that makes it eligible for Wild river designation. The trail would be officially identified as a Forest designated non-motorized trail. This alternative is consistent with 1997 Revised Forest Plan direction.

3. Enforcement Plan. The following activities need to occur to implement this special order in a manner that results in public acceptance and safety: District staff to provide on the ground signing and maintenance of signing to meet posting requirements in 36 CFR 261.51(b). District Forest Protection Officers and LEO to do random patrols for compliance and take appropriate action for violations of the prohibition.

IMPLEMENTATION:

1. This Order will be in effect when signed and shall remain in effect until further notice.
2. Any violation of this prohibition is punishable by a fine of not more than \$5,000.00 for individuals and \$10,000.00 for organizations and/or imprisonment for not more than six (6) months. [Title 16 USC 551, Title 18 USC 3571 (b) (6), Title 18 USC 3581 (b) (7)].
3. This Order supersedes any previous orders prohibiting the same acts covered by this Order in the above described area.

Done at Idaho Falls, Idaho this 7th day of May, 2010.



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Caribou-Targhee National Forest

Order Number: 04-15-120